

# Generator Buyers Guide

Everything you need to know  
before you schedule an estimate

**PORTABLE  
GENERATORS**



or

**AUTOMATIC  
GENERATORS**

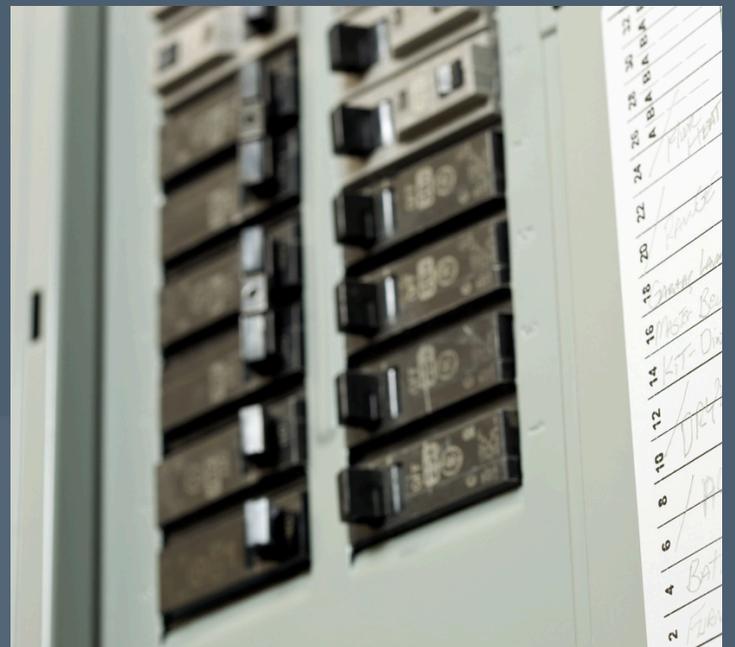


# Evaluate your Needs

When choosing a generator, it's crucial to evaluate your specific situation to ensure you select the right one for you.

- Consider how often you expect to use the generator – will it be for occasional power outages or do you lose power frequently?
- Think about whether you're comfortable with some physical work for setup or if you prefer a more automated solution.
- Assess your home's electrical load by thinking about what you need during an outage. Things like your water heater, heat, fridge or freezers, hot tub (so they don't freeze up), well pump and septic systems are usually the largest loads.

This step will help you choose a generator that matches your lifestyle and ensures uninterrupted power when you need it most.



# Generator Type: Portable

Portable generators are versatile and mobile power solutions, ideal for temporary and emergency use. They offer flexibility and affordability, making them a great choice for powering essential appliances and small devices during outages or outdoor activities.

- **Flexibility:** Easily moved and used for various purposes, such as camping, outdoor events, and home emergencies.
- **Setup:** Requires manual setup and connection to appliances or a transfer switch.
- **Cost:** Generally more affordable upfront but may require more frequent refueling and maintenance.
- **Power Output:** Suitable for powering essential appliances and smaller loads.



# Generator Type: Automatic

Automatic (standby) generators provide reliable, continuous power by automatically starting during an outage. Permanently installed and connected to your home's electrical system, they ensure seamless, hands-free operation, making them perfect for whole-home backup and peace of mind.

- **Convenience:** Permanently installed and connected to your home's electrical system, providing seamless power during an outage.
- **Operation:** Starts automatically when a power outage is detected, ensuring continuous power without manual intervention.
- **Cost:** Higher initial investment, including installation, but offers long-term reliability and convenience.
- **Power Output:** Capable of powering the entire home, including heavy electrical loads such as HVAC systems.



# Installation Cost

When considering the purchase and installation of a generator, it's important to understand the factors that can impact the overall cost. Here are a few things that have an impact on the overall cost of the project.



**Generator Type:** The type of generator will be the largest factor in the overall cost.



**Installation Complexity and Location:** The closer the generator is to your home, the lower the wiring and fuel line costs; easier access lowers labor costs, while difficult locations increase them.



**Electrical System Condition:** Outdated systems may need upgrades to accommodate a generator, and ensuring code compliance can add to expenses, especially with significant modifications.



**Generator Size:** Larger generators have higher upfront, installation, and maintenance costs due to their greater power output.



**Fuel Type and Availability:** Having an existing natural gas line or propane tank reduces costs; additional fuel storage solutions like propane tanks add to the expense.

# Contractor Selection

When selecting a contractor, it's crucial to choose someone you trust and feel comfortable with. Your home is your largest investment, so ensure you're confident in the service providers you hire



- ✓ **Experienced Professionals:** Our team has extensive experience installing both portable and automatic generators, ensuring a safe and efficient setup tailored to your needs.
- ✓ **Industry-Leading Warranties:** We offer industry-leading warranties on our installations, providing you with peace of mind and assurance of our quality workmanship.
- ✓ **Outstanding Reputation:** With well over 100 five-star reviews, our commitment to customer satisfaction is evident. Our clients trust us for reliable service and exceptional results.
- ✓ **Flexible Financing:** We offer 0% financing options to make your generator installation more affordable, ensuring you can protect your home without financial strain.
- ✓ **Comprehensive Services:** From helping you choose the right generator to professional installation and maintenance, we provide a complete solution for your power needs.

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